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# H. R. 2817

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national system to collect health-related data on fatalities caused by firearms.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. SCHROEDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Firearm Fatality Re-  
5        porting System Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM FOR HEALTH-RE-**  
7        **LATED DATA ON FIREARM FATALITIES.**

8        Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
9        (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.), as redesignated by section

1 2008(i)(2)(B) of Public Law 103–43, is amended by in-  
2 serting after section 392 the following section:

3 “NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR HEALTH-RELATED DATA ON  
4 FIREARM FATALITIES

5 “SEC. 392A. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, act-  
6 ing through the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-  
7 trol and Prevention, shall cooperate with the States for  
8 the purpose of establishing, to the extent practicable, a  
9 national system to collect, organize, and make available  
10 such data relating to fatalities caused by firearms as the  
11 Secretary determines may be useful to public officials in  
12 making decisions on the protection of the public health  
13 with respect to firearms.

14 “(b) UNIFORM CRITERIA REGARDING COLLECTION  
15 OF DATA.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary,  
16 in order to ensure the utility of the data collected under  
17 such subsection, shall develop criteria for uniform prac-  
18 tices in the collection and organization of the data.

19 “(c) CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF DATA.—The Sec-  
20 retary shall seek to ensure that, with respect to the fatality  
21 involved, the data collected under subsection (a) includes  
22 the following:

23 “(1) With respect to the firearm, the following:  
24 Type, make, model, and caliber.

25 “(2) With respect to the intent to kill, a speci-  
26 fication of which of the following categories applies:

1 A homicide, a suicide, or an accident; or it is un-  
2 known which of such categories applies.

3 “(3) Demographic characteristics of the victim.

4 “(4) Demographic characteristics of the individ-  
5 ual who discharged the firearm.

6 “(5) With respect to the type of setting in  
7 which the shooting occurred, a specification of which  
8 of the following categories applies: At the home of  
9 the victim, at the workplace of the victim, while the  
10 victim was commuting, or at a public accommoda-  
11 tion, or in such other types of settings as the Sec-  
12 retary may identify.

13 “(d) COOPERATION AMONG FEDERAL AGENCIES.—  
14 The heads of Federal agencies shall cooperate in order to  
15 ensure that the Federal Government does not carry out  
16 duplicative activities in collecting the data described in  
17 subsection (a).

18 “(e) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Not later than February  
19 1 of 1996 and of every second year thereafter, the Sec-  
20 retary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-  
21 merce of the House of Representatives, and to the Com-  
22 mittee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, a  
23 report that, with respect to implications for the public  
24 health—

1           “(1) contains an analysis of the data collected  
2           under subsection (a); and

3           “(2) contains such recommendations of the Sec-  
4           retary for administrative and legislative initiatives  
5           regarding such analysis as the Secretary determines  
6           to be appropriate.”.

7   **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8           Section 394 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9   U.S.C. 280b-3) is amended—

10           (1) by inserting “(a)” before “To carry out”;  
11           and

12           (2) by adding at the end the following sub-  
13           section:

14           “(b) To carry out section 392A, there are authorized  
15           to be appropriated \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 1994, and  
16           such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years  
17           1995 and 1996.”.

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